

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 703

By Caldwell

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Harold G. Woods upon his receipt of the 2001 Jayne Thomas Grassroots Volunteer Recognition Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Harold G. Woods, who was selected to receive the 2001 Jayne Thomas Grassroots Volunteer Award from the National Association of Community Action Agencies; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Knoxville, Mr. Woods has long been devoted to the service of his community and his nation; this patriotic Tennessean is a veteran of the 7th Special Forces and thus holds a respected position among the many heroes who have defended our nation and our freedom throughout American history; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woods is a Mechanical Repairman at Aluminum Company of America and has earned the respect and admiration of his peers and superiors alike during his distinguished tenure with the company, which began in 1965; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with ALCOA, Mr. Woods finds time to lend his remarkable talents to numerous worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, his wisdom and leadership abilities are highly valued by those who know him, and he has served astutely as President of the Knoxville-Oak Ridge Area Central Labor Council for twenty-three years; he has also served with distinction as Vice President and Executive Vice President of the Tennessee AFL-CIO and Department Chair and Vice Chair of United Steelworkers of America Local 309; and

WHEREAS, devoted to the welfare of his friends and neighbors, Harold Woods has generously donated his time and talents as a member of the Board of Directors of Project Help, PBS Channel 2/15, Tennessee Democratic Executive Committee, Cornerstone of Recovery, United Way of Greater Knoxville, Boy Scouts of America, Child and Family Services, American Red Cross, Family Services of America, and as a valuable member of the Community Action Committee, Knox County Industrial Development Board, Special Knox County Economic Development Task Force, Private Industry Council, and Tennessee Corrections Industry Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woods has been recognized with many awards for his laudable humanitarian and civic efforts; a graduate of Leadership Knoxville and Leadership Blount, his honors include the AFL-CIO Labor Council Community Services Award and George Meany Boy Scout Volunteer Labor Award; and

WHEREAS, he was first recognized nationally in 1989 when he received the National Joseph Beirne United Way Labor Award; and

WHEREAS, in receiving this most recent honor, Harold Woods has become one of those rare individuals to have received multiple national honors for public service; and

WHEREAS, in nominating Mr. Woods for the award, Knoxville/Knox County Community Action Council Executive Director Barbara Kelly praised him, saying, "He gets involved and lives out his life in people. He leads by example. He inspires others, and they follow his leadership"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woods epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; his commendable resolve to help others is so genuine and so great that he has stated, "I will be done when all people care about others and have everything they need for fulfilling lives"; and

WHEREAS, Harold Woods is committed to perpetuating the highest standard of family and community values; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woods is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of forty years, Sylvia, and their two sons, Harold and David, and three grandchildren, Steven, Sara, and Hannah; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, he is an active member of Island Home Baptist Church, where he is an inspiration to the congregation; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Woods for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Harold G. Woods for his meritorious service to his community and to the State of Tennessee and join with his family and friends in celebrating his receipt of the 2001 Jayne Thomas Grassroots Volunteer Recognition Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Mr. Woods our best wishes for every future success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.